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SUBJ: INDIAN POSITION ON "PRG" PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL
MEETINGS

REF: NEW DELHI 3693

1. WE DOUBT THAT THERE WILL BE A CLEAR INDICATION OF WHETHER THE
"PRG" ISSUE WILL ARISE IN A CRITICAL FORM AT COLOMBO MUCH BEFORE
THE OPENING OF THE ECAFE CONFERENCE ON MARCH 27TH. HOWEVER,
IN VIEW OF THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE PRC LAST YEAR AND IN VIEW OF
THE FACT THAT SRI LANKA HAS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE PRG,
THAT POSSIBILITY CLEARLY EXISTS.

2. IN ANY CASE, WE THINK DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO SUGGEST TO AMBAS-
SADOR MOYNIHAN THAT IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL FOR HIM TO TAKE UP THE
OVERALL VIETNAM ISSUE WITH GOI, USING
ECAFE SITUATION AS THE OCCASION. WE SUGGEST THAT AMBASSADOR
MOYNIHAN MAY WISH TO COVER

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(1) VIABILITY AND STRENGTH OF GVN, (2) MASSIVE VIOLATIONS OF CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT BY NORTH VIETNAM, (3) REASONS WHY "PRG" CANNOT BE CONSIDERED A GOVERNMENT, AND (4) HANOI'S EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE GVN POLITICALLY BY CAMPAIGNING FOR INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF "PRG".

3. USEFUL REFERENCE MATERIALS ON ABOVE SUBJECT ARE DEPARTMENT'S 027777 OF 11 FEBRUARY 1974 AND SAIGON 1595 (WHICH BEING SENT SEPARATELY NEW DELHI).
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